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1. [redacted] (the East German Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction, it is planned to move the main administrations of this ministry out of Berlin and to the centers of production supervised by the individual main administrations. The present central departments of the ministry are reportedly to remain in Berlin and function as general directorates. 25X1
2. Employees of the Main Administration for Heavy Industrial Equipment have reportedly been questioned as to whether they would be willing to move to Leipzig. Since Leipzig is the center of the heavy industrial equipment industry in East Germany, employees of the Ministry believe that this main administration is to be moved there.
3. The move of the main administrations to outlying cities in East Germany is rumored to be part of an over-all move to decentralize government agencies controlling industry. The decentralization is allegedly to be completed in 1956.

Comment: For a more detailed report on the decentralization plan,

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